

## Diversity report comes back to mixed reviews

by Sara Baker  
Editor

Although the growing number of minority students enrolled at Wartburg has brought concerns about multicultural issues to the forefront of some campus conversations, many groups on campus are saying that more needs to be done.

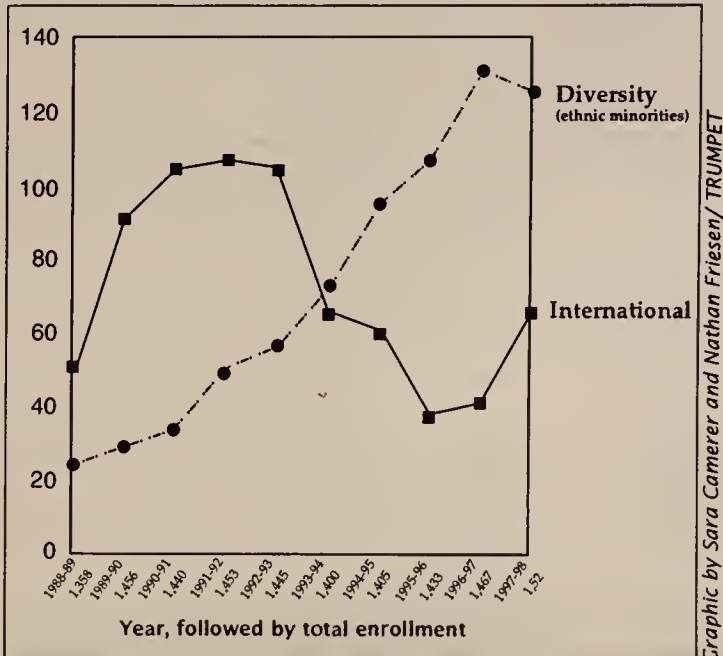
Because of the steady increase of minority students, Wartburg recently played host to two experts in diversity and education in order to listen to their feedback.

Drs. Emily L. Moore and J. Herman Blake from Scholars for Educational Excellence and Diversity spoke at a convocation and met with members of the Wartburg community in November.

Blake and Moore are experts in education and diversity with SCHOLARS, a consulting firm that operates under the principle that diversity and academic excellence are mutually enhancing.

While on campus, Moore and Blake met with many different groups and individuals, including President's Council, Diversity Task Force, several classes, Student Senate and Faculty Council.

In all, they met with approximately 350 students and 75 faculty and staff members.



Wartburg's enrollment through the years

They then wrote an analysis of their observations while on campus and submitted it to key administrators, committees and other campus leaders.

"We felt [Moore and Blake] really had some experience in looking at the value of diversity on campuses," said Co-Director of Global and Multicultural Studies Kim Folkers, associate professor of marketing.

"We didn't bring them in as detectives to

find anything that's wrong. We wanted them to help in the dialogue between students, faculty, staff and administrators," she said.

In the report, Blake and Moore wrote that Wartburg has a strong foundation to develop a positive campus climate and that the commitment of the members of the campus community will help the college achieve this goal.

However, they did have some critical observations of the campus and its inhabitants.

The reluctance of some students to address diversity issues — or to speak their opinions at all — troubled them, and they said they felt Wartburg lacks a multicultural student body.

They report that some of the African American students they spoke to feel a sense of alienation at Wartburg, and that many international students wish to have more informal contact with domestic students.

Blake and Moore praised the faculty, staff and administration for their commitments to diversity, but said they hope Wartburg

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## Dorm phones increase security, convenience

by Aaron Horman  
Staff Writer

Security phones have been installed near the main entrances of Clinton, Founders and Grossmann halls.

Pete Armstrong, director of residential life, said the weather-safe phones have been functioning for more than two weeks.

Armstrong said the phones were installed as a security and convenience feature as a result of "general interest" by students.

Maintaining a balance of security and convenience is a tough issue, said Armstrong. The phones will allow those who desire 24-hour access to have it in a limited form, he said.

The phones are manufactured in a single unit, eliminating the need for a handset. Users may dial any local or on-campus number.

An immediate, direct connection to security can also be achieved by pressing the large red button on the unit, said Director of Security John Myers.

"If the on-duty officer is not

available to answer the call, the phone will automatically connect to the Waverly Police Department on the fifth ring," he said.

The location of each phone is registered with the Waverly Emergency 911 system. Myers said the dispatcher can pinpoint the exact location of a call.

He said the phones are for general purpose use, not just security. The phones are helpful if a student lost an ID card or the card didn't work, he said.

"Security phones are a great idea," said freshman Aaron Collmann. "I'm glad to hear the college is doing something for residents' security."

Myers said if a student feels unsafe or sees something that requires contacting security, the phones will help expedite the communication process.

"I can only see them [the phones] as a benefit," said sophomore Meredith Hill. "They are a smart idea and all dorms should have them."

There is no immediate plan to install the phones in the Centennial Complex, Residence



Photo by Steve Youde/ TRUMPET

**PHONING HOME**—The new phones are in place outside of Clinton, Founders and Grossmann halls. Phones offer convenience and a direct link to security.

or Manors, said Armstrong.

"This is a new technology and we want to study and learn how it is used before retrofitting other dorms," he said.

Freshman Mike Armstrong

said he would like to see the phones installed in the Residence.

"It would be nice for visitors to just call when they get to the door," he said.

## Campus briefs

### PATHWAYS MENTORS WANTED

The Pathways and Writing Centers are seeking work study students. Students of all majors are encouraged to apply. Those interested in Pathways should contact the Pathways Center in room 19 of Englebrecht Library, or by calling 8615. Those interested in the Writing Center can pick up an application outside of room 15.

Applications and letters of recommendation are due by Feb. 16, and interviews will be held Feb. 19 and 20.

The centers are looking for students who have good interpersonal skills, are organized and flexible.

### CONCERT DONATED TO LSS

"Wartburg at the Paramount," a benefit concert event featuring the Wartburg College Wind Ensemble and the Wartburg Choir, will take place at the Paramount Theatre in Cedar Rapids Sunday, March 29.

Tickets are on sale now for \$10 each and may be acquired from ELCA congregations in Cedar Rapids, Marion and Iowa City. The proceeds beyond concert expenses will be given to Lutheran Social Services of Iowa.

### GRE INFORMATION FORUM

A student and professor panel will answer questions and address concerns about upcoming GREs for students preparing for graduate school. The forum will be in the East Room at 7 p.m. Feb. 9.

### RAS TO TEST BREATHALYZER

In a unique program tomorrow night, the effectiveness of a breathalyzer will be put to the test.

Two resident assistants from Wartburg College will become intoxicated at 7 p.m. tomorrow in the Grossmann Lounge, and Sgt. Leonard of the Waverly Police Dept. will show the accuracy of the breathalyzer test. Erika Boettcher, resident assistant, said the students will be able to give input of how they think the breath test can be beaten. Sgt. Leonard will demonstrate how 'fool-proof' the test actually is. "We want the students to walk away knowing that drinking is more detectable than some people may think," commented Boettcher.

### FEBRUARY LOOKS TO HEART

February is the month the Health and Wellness Center will be focusing on healthy hearts during their "Take the Challenge" series of programs. The program, entitled "Take Wellness to Heart," will, in cooperation with the American Heart Association, emphasize nutrition, exercise and prevention.

Numerous posters, Page entries, and bulletin boards will be placed around campus for students to see, according to Barb Gamez, a peer health educator.



# Farm lobbyist receives Graven Award Tuesday

by Wendy Chaplin  
News Writer



Photo by Nate Stoltman/TRUMPET

**A WELL-DESERVED TRIBUTE**—The ninth annual Graven Award was presented to Anne Knutson Kanten Tuesday night at a ceremony in the Wartburg Chapel.

The award is underwritten by the Judge Henry N. and Helen T. Graven Endowment, which funds the award for an outstanding layperson who contributes significantly to community, church and society.

A tradition of recognition continued at Wartburg College Tuesday when the ninth Judge Henry N. and Helen T. Graven award was presented in the chapel.

This year, the award was given to Anne Knutson Kanten, who farms with her husband Charles, and has served as a farm policy lobbyist in Washington, D.C.

She has served as both the assistant and deputy commissioner of agriculture for Minnesota.

During the farm crisis of the 1980s, she played a large part in developing the Minnesota Farm Advocate Program, which guided farmers through the rough time.

According to Associate Campus Pastor Ramona Bouzard, this Ministry of the Laity award is given to "recognize the accomplishment of a layperson who has lived out their faith in their daily life."

This award is presented annually to an individual whose life has made a significant contribution to his/her church, community and society.

Bouzard said recipients of this award often do not feel they have made large contributions to their communities.

"They are so surprised. They see what they've done in their lifetime as what anyone would do," Bouzard said.

To choose the award recipient, the office of the president asks churches and organizations for individuals who are deserving of the award, Bouzard said.

Occasionally people will send in the names of individuals they would like to have considered in future years, said Bouzard.

President Robert Vogel, Bouzard and members of the Graven family choose who will receive the award, she said.

Although the Graven family was very involved in the Lutheran church, recipients need not be Lutheran.

"The faith commitment doesn't have to be through the Lutheran church," said

Bouzard.

Each recipient of the Graven award is asked to address the campus, Bouzard said.

"What is unique to this year is that the Graven award has been in some ways coordinated with the Futures convocation event," Bouzard said.

Kanten and convocation speaker Dr. Robert Costanza, director of the University of Maryland institute of ecological economics, gave a science seminar Jan. 26.

The Graven award is an annual award made possible by a gift from the late Judge Henry Graven and his wife Helen.

Judge Graven assisted the American Lutheran Church in developing the adoption of a planned retirement pension program for pastors, widows and church workers. Graven died in 1970.

Helen Graven started a preschool and served on the Wartburg College Board of Regents for 14 years.

Judge Henry and Helen Graven were very active in church and community.

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will continue campus efforts to develop faculty and staff's sensitivity to diversity through training and conversations.

The most critical portion of the report is directed at Student Senate. Blake and Moore call it a "bitter disappointment" and said they were unimpressed with the leaders' commitments to diversity.

"I think they were a little quick to judge that we didn't care about diversity issues, and I think that most of it hinged on our not attending convo," said Student Body President Jeremy Brummond, who said the Student Senate representatives didn't know their session with Blake and Moore would be a follow-up of the SCHOLARS

The reactions among campus leaders to the SCHOLARS' report are mixed.

"I was very disappointed in the report. From what I could see, they spent two days here and then they just wrote a report based on their notes. I could have done that," said Director of Financial Aid Jamie Hightower.

"Consultants should give recommendations. They just observed. I didn't expect them to come to campus and be cure-alls, but I didn't see anything concrete in there to hold on to or any tools to use," she said.

Dean of Students Lex Smith said the report wasn't designed to suggest changes.

"I think Emily Moore and Herman Blake's approach in their time here was more procedure-oriented. Their role was more to get a conversation going, to be more of a catalyst," said Smith.

Although the report didn't include any specific suggestions for improvement, the observations will be used as a springboard to implement new programs that enhance already existing ones.

Folkers said faculty members have already had the chance to participate in two brown bag lunches where the conversation centered on diversity issues. Two more diversity-themed lunches are scheduled in February.

Also on the agenda is the development of a faculty weekend workshop to further educate about diversity, possible attendance at a diversity conference in California this spring and the completion of a survey of the campus climate.

In addition, members of the diversity initiatives committee, headed by Hightower, are working on a plan to address diversity. The plan will include a definition of diversity, a mission statement, any initiatives that need to be addressed and a survey to test the campus climate for minority students. It is expected to be completed by the end of the year.

Dean of Faculty Mary Margaret Smith said the diversity plan is important to campus discussions about multicultural issues.

"Rather than a loose confederation of persons trying to accomplish things, we will have spelled out what initiatives we have to take and what goals we've made," she said.

Rickey Hall, director of student diversity programs, said he thinks the definition of diversity is the key to discussing it.

"I think often diversity is looked at as just race and this concerns me because diversity means so much more than that," said Hall. "Diversity for me consists of race

and ethnic origin. It consists of religion and sexual orientation. It consists of gender and age difference. It consists of marital status and geographic origination."

Despite the attention focused on minority issues due to the report by the two SCHOLARS representatives, Hall said conversations on this subject have been happening since the beginning of the school year.

"We have been meeting and discussing initiatives all year," he said, pointing to groups like the diversity initiatives committee, the cultural awareness organization and the gospel choir as groups on campus that keep conversations going.

Dean Lex Smith said the college received a grant from Aid Association of Lutherans to support diversity issues. The grant funded a Fall Term faculty group trip to "Educating One-Third of a Nation," a Miami conference on diversity.

In addition, the events surrounding Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday and African American History month have kept minority issues in the limelight.

Some faculty and staff members suggested areas that Wartburg needs to improve and ways the college can offer a more comfortable atmosphere.

"The areas we need to concentrate on are campus climate and the climate in the classrooms. We need more staff and faculty of color," said Hightower. "Increasing the number of minority students is the easy part. Retaining that number is hard."

Rolf Craft, professor of economics, said he agrees the classroom climate needs to be improved.

"It's not that people are antagonistic, but they are hesitant to reach out, particularly when they realize there are differences," he said.

Craft said people must make an effort to "mix it up, to reach out" to one another.

In addition, Hightower called for more diversity sensitivity training and the allocation of more college resources for multicultural programs.

"The importance is being concerned about the issues and being involved," Hightower said. "This is not about pointing fingers, it's about sensitizing individuals to what minorities have faced and continue to face."

Juniors MikQuinlyn Speller and Stacey Norwood said the college has lots of room for improvement in terms of campus climate.

"We definitely have a problem here," said Norwood. "Some of the teachers here don't know how to deal with you if you're from a different culture. You never know how a professor is going to deal with you or how you're going to be treated."

Both Speller and Norwood said increasing the number of minority faculty and staff members, eliminating misconceptions and stereotypes, having more open discussions and more awareness of minority issues would ease the campus atmosphere.

Folkers said any students interested in increasing their awareness of diversity issues are invited to attend Central College's Diversity Day on Feb. 12. For more details, call the GMCS office at 8427.

Sensitivity is key to a good campus climate, according to Mary Margaret Smith.

"We need to find a way to be both an inclusive community and one that respects the differences of people on campus," she said. "We have to remember we're still a fairly homogenous community into which international students and minority students have to join."

## Diversity enrollment at comparable colleges

Percentage of minority and international students enrolled:

- Buena Vista: 4%  
Total enrollment: 2,519
- Central: 6%  
Total enrollment: 1,321
- Drake: 15%  
Total enrollment: 3,802
- Grinnell: 22%  
Total enrollment: 1,304
- Luther: 9%  
Total enrollment: 2,368
- Simpson: 4%  
Total enrollment: 1,685
- Wartburg: 13%  
Total enrollment: 1,528

Information compiled from U.S. News and World Report's article on America's Best Colleges

representatives' convocation address.

Brummond said Student Senate's most recent contribution to diversity issues is their proposed addition to the non-discrimination policy that would include homosexuals.

According to Brummond, the Board of Regents will make the final decision whether or not to include the language in the non-discrimination policy at their Feb. 16 meeting.



## Faith, diversity are key in presidential search

by Adrian Walter  
Staff Writer

The findings from "The Report from the Academic Search Consultation Service to the Presidential Search Team of Wartburg College" came back and highlighted some important issues facing Wartburg and its new president.

The report is broken into five different sections outlining the search committee's findings.

The different sections discuss major strengths at Wartburg, list key priorities facing the school, highlight characteristics both personal and private that the new president should have and discuss operating procedures for the search committee.

The report, compiled by consultant Dr. Barbara Taylor of the Washington, D.C.-based Academic Search Consultation Service, emphasizes the importance of faith when looking for a new president.

Associate Campus Pastor Ramona Bouzard agreed. She said while many other colleges have gone away from the focus of the church, Wartburg knows how key faith is to the college's survival. In fact, a by-law requires Wartburg's president to be a Lutheran.

Fundraising is also stressed in the report as another aspect of the president's job, and could be put to the test right away when

the new president takes charge. With the remodeling of the library, there will still be an estimated \$1 million to raise when the new campus leader takes over, according to the report.

Diversity, which according to the report was a concern for many of the people interviewed, will also be a hot topic when the new president begins.

According to the report, "Wartburg is justifiably proud of its record in attracting and supporting diversity on the campus and in taking students into the world, ... particularly for a college located in a small town in northern Iowa, its achievements are enviable."

According to Fred Hagemann, president of the Board of Regents and search committee chairman, the findings in this report will guide the committee as it continues in its search for a new president.

The search was conducted in November to canvass the faculty, students and staff about important issues they felt faced Wartburg and the qualities they felt a new president should have.

According to Hagemann, the search isn't yet going full steam ahead. He said they are still accepting applicants and haven't narrowed the field yet. About 38 to 40 applicants have been nominated for the position so far.

## Wartburg grad tells of life as Whitehouse summer intern

by Sarah Christopherson  
Staff Writer

As the latest news of White House scandals hit the press, questions are also arising about the White House internship program.

For 1997 Wartburg graduate Kerry Wright, the issue hits close to home. Wright began her internship at the White House in First Lady Hillary Rodham Clinton's scheduling office last May.

"I don't care who the president is sleeping with. The internship program is great," said Wright.

Wright believes that the allegations brought against Clinton will have one of two effects on the internship program. Either there will be an overabundance of applicants or no one will apply.

Wright worked from May to July. She did not know where her assignment was within the White House until her first day of work. Wright said interns are not told in advance what their assignment at the White House will be, due in part to security measures.

As part of her job, Wright wrote copy for video messages Mrs. Clinton sent to events she was unable to attend. She also had the chance to attend a fundraiser with the president.

Luck was definitely on her side, said Wright. "Most interns get stuck doing data processing, but I didn't."

Days lasted from 8 a.m. to 5

p.m., but sometimes extended until 10 p.m. From Wright's point of view, the long days were well worth the effort.

The internship and volunteer program at the White House has helped cut down on costs for staff because of low costs for labor, according to Wright. She said this has helped in the struggle for a balanced budget.

White House interns receive no pay and no housing benefits. Wright said many college campuses were available to live on, but she lived with a friend she had made at the 1996 Democratic Convention in Chicago.

During her time in Washington, D.C., Wright met many important officials, including Vice-President Al Gore and his wife, Tipper, the secretary of the treasury and even popular stars such as Olympic gymnast Kerri Strug.

Wright said she learned a lot from the people in Mrs. Clinton's office, and especially the first lady herself.

She credits many of the women in that office, whom she claims as mentors, for teaching her "to spin on a dime."

Wright also gives credit to Wartburg for helping her to grow in her abilities to communicate.

Wright was active in the Wartburg Democrats on campus, serving as co-president her senior year.

When she first arrived on cam-

pus, the Wartburg Republicans were the big group on campus. "That had to be changed," she said.

In February of 1996, Mrs. Clinton came to the University of Northern Iowa campus, and UNI did not have enough Democrats to host the event. The Wartburg Democrats were able to get involved, Wright said.

She credits the push for hands-on-learning that she received at Wartburg for attaining such an enviable intern position.

"I almost didn't apply," she said.

Wright mailed her application on the last possible day. She said there was no way of knowing whether or not they had received it, and there were 2,000 applicants for 200 positions.

"Out of seven internships I applied for, this is the only one I got," she said.

Besides filling out an application, she also had to pass security checks to be considered for the job.

Wright is currently working as statehouse assistant to Democratic Rep. Keith Weigel of New Hampton. One day she would like to be back on Capitol Hill.

Wright encouraged Wartburg students who are interested in politics to apply. She compares her positive experience to a sweepstakes. "You can't win if you don't apply."

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## Editorial

## If you're not in comm arts, what is it that you do?

I don't really look forward to my weekends anymore. They're honestly more jam-packed with work and sleeplessness than any finals week I've had to deal with. Sadly, it's simply impossible to leave Wartburg during the all-important weekend.

So what the hell is keeping me tethered to this multi-million dollar, acre-large cage we call Wartburg? This weekend's frenzied weather might seem the answer, but count yourself wrong. It's the damn media, making slaves of communication arts majors through sinister programs like Channel 13 and the *Trumpet*.

I imagine this is what it's like to work in a sweat shop. Who else do you know that works on this campus for at least twenty hours on the weekend, earning a dime an hour or less (We figured it out once, using logarithms and derivative graphs we learned from upper level math skills we'll never again use). Never mind that I'm choosing to do this and it'll look great on a resume.

No, I'm not complaining about the pay or the hours. I'm venting about what students in this department do every week to keep the campus abreast of events, fuzzy feel-good news and problematic issues. We don't get any academic credit, we lose lots of sleep, we kissed parts of our social lives good-bye long ago and we've made enemies of quite a few of the college's administrators. I've also adopted a serious cigar habit, but I can quit anytime. Just don't tell my parents.

Anyway, what I'm wondering about is what the hell the rest of you students do. I imagine you have classes during the day like we do, and you science and education majors will scream "I have three-hour labs!" and "I student teach!" in defense to my query. Do you have the leisure to think about events and issues and not become frantic about how you're going to explain it fairly to the whole campus? While I guess most students are only sampling what their potential careers will be like, a lot of us in the McElroy Communication Arts Center find ourselves engulfed.

I look around the journalism lab on Sunday night, and I pick up conversations of problems with the police releasing information about a potential story, writers frustrated over crashing computers, the editor looking for information about the Iraq conflict and how to best present that to you, the campus community.

So, as a Wartburg student, parent, faculty or alum, do you appreciate this bundle of newsprint you're clutching in your nimble fingers? Do you read it with the energy and grit that went into its creation? I doubt it. But I doubt you're as critical of it as we are. Every Monday night, all of the editors get together in a dark, smoky chamber hidden away in the forgotten FAC basement and slowly dissect our own work. With gut-wrenching pain, every uncrossed "t" and undotted "i" is slashed with red, every unjustified pulled-quote is harassed, every text-inset error is chastised. After we rip apart our love-child of the weekend, we hang it on the Journalism lab bulletin board, with all its glaring inadequacies.

Basically, we put together an eight-page research paper (it's on BIG paper, by the way), with our just-learned reporter skills and news sense. And on Monday afternoon when the new issue of the *Trumpet* hits the stands, we're held to professional standards. Then we start to handle next week's news using grown-up ethics and real U.S. laws. It's a crazy world and I love it.

Stephanie Robbins  
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## PEC hours seem unreasonable

I realize it is Winter Term and I should let this go already, but the whole issue with the PE Complex hours is still giving me an itch.

The PEC opens at 6 a.m. Let's estimate that about 700 community members (because that's how many it looks like, and that's about how fast the traffic moves) come in to walk from 6-8:30 or so.

It is not logical to even think that you may be able to do anything productive in the fieldhouse at those hours.

The PEC then closes at 9 a.m., hmm ... for cleaning or something. I don't think anyone really knows the true reason. It opens back up at 11 and remains open until the 'new' (because it is still new to me, and still quite absurd) closing hour of 10 p.m.

Now, a student who wants to workout must take into account that s/he cannot use the fieldhouse from approximately 3:30 to, shall we say, 8 p.m.? This is due to track, baseball and softball practice, and the football team does some running, too.

Great, we want our teams to do well in competition. We want them to be prepared. Heck, they



have to be if they want the students to support them. I know it is not the fault of the athletic teams that our PEC hours are very limited.

So let us discuss the issue of the supposed cleaning hours.

For the past two Mondays the PEC was kept open for an entire extra hour, just to see how many people would actually come during that time. Did they take a tally?

I guess if they want to close the PEC at 10, well, there's nothing I can do about it. But they need to take into account that they are not cutting just one precious workout hour, but three.

Why don't they do a trial period of leaving the place open from 9-11 a.m. for a couple days, and take a tally on those numbers?

There are a couple things about this whole issue that really bother me, though.

1. It has been reported that the two people in charge of PEC maintenance have been seen casually drinking coffee in the Den between 9 and 11 a.m. Now, if these are the hours specifically designated for cleaning, I would think the maintenance people should be there doing their job.

2. While lifting in the weight room the other day, a student worker took it upon himself to sweep up all the dirt and dust that had been gathering around the weights and machines. WHAT?! I don't understand! How could the place possibly get that dirty if it is supposedly getting cleaned every day?

As I left after my workout, I made it a point to ask the student worker upstairs "Why, again, is this place closed from 9-11 every day?"

"They say it's for cleaning," was the simple response.

So that is just how it is. Sure, there are many things in life that don't make sense, but this truly crosses a line to insanity.

## Letter

## Wartburg West offers fresh roads to travel

Taking the road less traveled at Wartburg West may bring more than you ever expected.

As a student at Wartburg West, you anticipate a great internship placement, opportunities to explore life in a booming city and the chance to bond with a fun group of Wartburg students.

However, taking the road less traveled in Colorado may mean a lot more. Shana Butler and I ventured out of Denver for a weekend to take advantage of skiing opportunities in Steamboat Springs, Col., which is four hours west of Denver.

After our painful attempt at skiing on Saturday afternoon, we prepared ourselves to return to the city on Sunday in time for night class.

Unfortunately, we learned what it really means to take "the road less traveled" in the high country of

Colorado. Despite our intentions of leaving for Denver early Sunday morning, road conditions delayed us several hours.

Not the road condition like what we are used to at Wartburg—ice, sleet and snow. No, we found ourselves stuck in the mountains due to avalanche warnings.

That's right—on a beautiful, sunny Sunday morning the Colorado Highway Patrol closed the interstate between Denver and Steamboat. It is the first time a Nashua and Decorah native ever used an avalanche as an excuse for being late.

Take the road less traveled; it is an experience you won't forget.

Julie Nystel  
senior

## Liberal arts: why are we at Wartburg?

Fellow students, are you tired of taking classes outside your major?

What did we come here for anyway? Oh, the diploma.

We want to leave Wartburg with a piece of paper stating a field of study to show potential employers we received a liberal arts education is what employers are looking for. At least that's what I heard in high school.

Perhaps no one told you what a liberal arts degree entailed. (I didn't know.) After asking students, faculty and consulting a dictionary, I came up with a hodgepodge of differing ideas. Webster's Dictionary defines liberal arts as "the course of study including literature, philosophy, languages, history, etc., distinguished from professional or technical subjects."

Looking at this definition I questioned how Wartburg's rendition of a liberal arts program fits with Webster's. The "distinguished from professional or technical subjects" part shows a liberal arts education to be learning for the sake of learning. How many people do you know who came to college because they want and love to learn?

## Kel Anne Hocker



## Perhaps

The Wartburg liberal arts program consists of a few classes from a variety of subject areas. Imagine how many more classes outside of a student's major would be required if Wartburg adhered more closely to Webster's definition of liberal arts. As it stands, the Wartburg Plan doesn't differ much from most state school's general education requirements.

The required Wartburg Plan courses are supposed to provide a greater understanding of how students' majors fit into the larger scheme of things.

A well-rounded person who could have an intelligent conversation with people of other fields is the goal. So, it is rather funny to hear others' (and remember my own) groaning, moaning and anger against taking classes that don't deal directly with a major.

Students' frustration with non-related classes makes me wonder

if they had any idea what they were getting into and why they are still here if Wartburg is not filling their educational needs.

If students' main reason for attending college is to get a job, they should look for a college specializing in their chosen field. Why spend four years dabbling in extra classes when field-oriented curriculums graduate students in two years or less? Perhaps students should look into a vocational or other non-liberal arts school system.

Why have people come to think a liberal arts education is better than a vocational degree? What's bad about a straight curriculum or one with a few general education requirements?

Why are students chucking out large sums of cash for a liberal arts education? Oh, the future employers.

Why would an employer consider a liberal arts student an asset? Students in a liberal arts curriculum have been taught to think in a variety of ways and then can be easily trained by an employer. They can think "outside the box."

Perhaps a liberal arts education comes down to this: The ability to make connections.



# Partnerships prove positive

by Stephanie Ladlie  
Entertainment Editor

Six students at Wartburg have found an alternative to traditional work study. There are no time cards, no schedules and no dishlines. These students are part of a new program at Wartburg College called Academic Partnerships.

Tom Hausmann, director of academic computing, proposed the idea of academic partnerships to Mary Margaret Smith, vice president for academic affairs and dean of faculty, last spring. Hausmann said he got the idea from a web development technology project at his alma mater, the University of Minnesota-Morris.

"An academic partnership is much like being a graduate student research assistant or teaching assistant," said Hausmann.

Academic partnerships are formed between one faculty member and one student who work together on a project throughout the academic year. Students are chosen by a faculty member, who submits a proposal to the dean of faculty the spring before the partnerships are to take place. Participants are usually third-year students majoring in an area appropriate to the assignment. Once accepted into the academic partnership program, students are not eligible for other work study or honorariums on campus. They receive a stipend of \$1,500 distributed in two installments. They are advised to work an average of eight hours a week, but can distribute this time however they choose.

"The students who participate have to be self-disciplined and self-motivated," Hausmann said. "The students in the program have a very special relationship with the faculty member."

Dean Smith said she has received positive feedback from the faculty so far this year. "This is truly a partnership—some faculty are relying totally on their students for web page development."

"Many institutions are developing student/faculty collaboration in research, but I haven't heard of another one that has focused on technology like these partnerships," Smith said.

Senior Pete Iversen is an academic partner this year with Dr. Ted Reuter, music department chair. They are working on a musical scoring project together using notational software. Iversen said he loves the project and is really glad he worked on it, but he has been frustrated with the financial situation surrounding it.

"My Regents scholarship was reduced by \$1,500 because my package was at cost of attendance," Iversen said. "They took away my non-taxable money and replaced it with taxable income. I lost \$250 out of the whole thing."

Iversen said no one really understood how payment was going to happen.

"If it had been explained, I wouldn't have accepted the money," Iversen said. "It's probably just because it's the first year [of the program]. I don't think they've fine-tuned the system yet."

Although finances may still cause bureaucratic headaches, student partners concluded that the projects were worthwhile. Senior Jamie Bakkum has been working with Dr. Roy Ventullo, associate professor of biology, to develop a biology department home page on the Internet. Bakkum said she had a work study position with Ventullo last year and was supposed to do research on soybean oil, but the web page development became a priority.

"The biology department page is the most developed of all the individual pages being created [on the Wartburg home page]," Bakkum said. "I'm sure I've created over 100 pages."

Bakkum agreed that there were some kinks in the project this first year.

"We weren't made aware of how we were going to get paid, but I'm sure they'll work it out next year," Bakkum said. She said she was also concerned about training a new student partner next year so her replacement won't be starting from scratch.

Hausmann and Smith said they hope to expand the academic partnership program to include ten or more projects next year. Proposals will be due in mid-March of 1998 for the 1998-99 school year.



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**CREATIVE COLLAGE**—This is one of the many biology department pages Jamie Bakkum designed.

# Demro leads national conferences

by Erin Ries  
Staff Writer

Sophomore Stacy Demro is one of six facilitators in the country for the Future Homemakers of America-Home Economics Related Occupations (FHA-HERO) A+ Conferences.

"The 'A Positive Lifestyle for Ultimate Success' (A+) programs are nation-wide conferences set up to teach students about goal setting, communication skills, leadership and the importance of team work," said Demro. "This is all packed into 24 hours of fun-filled activities," she added.

Demro said when she is given an outline with objectives to cover in the 10 sessions that make up an A+ session, she draws from her own experiences and shares with students.

favorite. They get to write whatever they want and after they go home, the FHA-HERO organization sends these letters to the participants to remind them of their experiences."

**"We encourage students to step out of their comfort zones."**

—Stacy Demro

This year's conference theme is "Celebrate America and You." The student participants are reminded that "America was founded because they [founders] took risks, and we encourage students to step out of their comfort zones," said Demro. By taking the risk to build leadership and communication



Photo courtesy of Stacy Demro

**DEMRO DELIVERS**—As a facilitator, Stacy Demro encourages students to step out of their comfort zones. Demro is one of six national leaders of A+ conferences, which teach students positive leadership and teamwork skills.

"I find stories from my own life, my friends' lives and *Chicken Soup for the Soul* books and do lots of adapting my own goals and experiences in a way students will understand and learn."

Demro recently returned from a conference in Indianapolis, which she said was the "best one yet." The session was made up of 137 junior high and high school students, ranging from shy, at-risk students to individuals at the top of their class, said Demro.

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"The A+ program is designed for any type of individual, so the multitude of personalities can make for very interesting experiences," said Demro. "When the students arrive they are often very reserved and no one talks to one another. But at the conclusion of the conference they all seemed to have bonded and are exchanging addresses and posing for pictures with one another," added Demro.

Of all the activities Demro said "the session where all of the students write a letter to themselves seems to be the

skills, Demro said she and the A+ program hope to help the students "find themselves and feel good about who they are."

Demro has been involved in FHA-HERO since she was in high school at Nashua-Plainfield. During her membership, she held many leadership positions, including state president in 1994-95 and national vice president of finance in 1995-96.

The organization asked Demro to continue her involvement as a facilitator at A+ conferences after her graduation. Since her career goals include becoming a world-wide motivational speaker, Demro said the opportunity thrilled her.

Since the conference is a nation-wide activity, Demro gets the opportunity to do a lot of traveling. She said ordinarily she does not know too far in advance that she is going to be gone or where she will be, so it takes a lot of quick planning and hard work to stay ahead of her regular class work.

"The professors at Wartburg are great about working with me and my crazy schedule," she added.

Demro said she is currently trying to get the state of Iowa to host an A+ conference so that the young people in this area can benefit from the organization.



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Next week in features:

Wartburg's most eligible  
bachelors and bachelorettes



## Legends to hold Casino Friday

Student Alumni Council is sponsoring an All-American Casino Night Friday from 9:30-11:30 p.m. In Legends, Casino Night is being offered as a part of Brother/Sister/Friend Weekend and is for all ages. The cost is \$2 for singles and \$3 for couples. Couples are considered any two people such as a brother/sister combination.

Bingo, tic-tac-toe toss, baseball throw and black jack are just a few of the games to be offered. Participants can win prizes like food and gift certificates from area stores. People dressed in red, white and blue as part of the All-American theme will be eligible to win a bigger prize. Last year a TV was given away.

To help people get into the spirit of things, non-alcohol drinks and food will be available, according to Junior Erika Boettcher, student alumni council member. Servers and staff will also be dressed up like casino employees.

This is a non-profit event for the Alumni Council.

## Castle deadline approaching

Wartburg College has an opportunity for student writers and artists to be published.

The submissions deadline for the Castle, Wartburg College's literary magazine, is Friday. Each submission should include a title page with the following information: the author's name, box, and phone number, and the title of the work. Submissions must be typed in 12 point Times font.

If the author wishes to remain anonymous, he/she should indicate that on the title page. Anonymous works with or without a pen name will be accepted. "However, it is important that I know the author's real name so that he/she can be contacted if necessary," said Junior Amy Silver.

Submissions can be sent through campus mail to Amy Silver, box 1670 or dropped off at Schmidt 15. Silver plans to have the magazine distributed around campus during the first week in April.

There will be cash awards given to winners of various genres from both Fall and Winter Term issues, but the judging will not take place until after the winter issue has been published.

## Annual quiz bowl to be held

Global Multicultural Society, the bookstore and International Club are sponsoring an International Quiz Bowl Thursday. Entrants do not need to pay anything to participate and anyone can sign up. The bowl will be held in WBC 214, 215 and 217.

Nine teams of three can sign up starting today on the door of the International Center. Groups will answer questions about topics like politics, American history, world history and many more general questions. There will be qualifying rounds in which the winner will advance to the final.

First prize is \$35 dollars for each member of the winning team. Second prize is a Wartburg t-shirt for every member of the team. Third prize is a \$5 Don ticket for each team member.

"We have a very good turnout every year," said Junior Del Hafermann, International Club president. "Every year students have asked that there should be more groups, but we can't, as there is not enough room."

Hafermann said students should sign up mainly for the purpose of having fun and to win the above prizes.

"It is also a challenge to anyone to test the knowledge they have about everything around us," said Hafermann.

## Festival to honor New Orleans

Wartburg students can celebrate the spirit New Orleans Wednesday through a special dinner and concert.

The Caf will be serving New Orleans-style food including shrimp, rice, clam chowder and spicy cornbread Wednesday night.

From 6-8 p.m., Wartburg students will perform jazz in Buhr Lounge in an event called "Jazzin' the Knight Away." This concert is free and informal: people can come and go as they please.

The Preservation Hall Jazz Band will perform in Neumann Auditorium as part of this year's Artist Series. Tickets for the Artist Series can be reserved today and Tuesday outside the caf from 10:30 a.m. - noon and 5 p.m. - 8:30 p.m. Tickets can also be picked up at the Information Desk.

Briefs compiled by Kelly Willrett,  
Staff Writer, and Stephanie Ladlie,  
Entertainment Editor

# World famous art on campus

by Travis Graven  
Staff Writer

There is only one week left to "see some good art," according to Ed Charney, assistant professor of art.

Charney is referring to The Mooney Collection: approximately 50 etchings, engravings, lithographs, woodcuts and drypoint prints on display now through Saturday, in the Waldemar A. Schmidt Gallery located in the Wartburg College Fine Arts Center. These represent a wide cross section of printmaking styles and processes from the past 500 years.

Artists exhibited range from 16th century Italian masters to well-known 20th-century artists and include works by Rembrandt, Van Dyck, Picasso, Chagall and Grant Wood.

One specific Rembrandt piece on display is an etching that requires each individual line to be hand scratched into a plate to make the print. "It is a fine art reproduction," said Charney.

**"These are the type of things you'd see in a major national museum, but here you can get a real close look."**

— Ed Charney  
assistant professor of art

The high quality and value of this exhibit has warranted that normal gallery hours be curtailed to noon to 5 p.m. Monday through Saturday only. This is because of the need for a security guard to be in the gallery at all times.

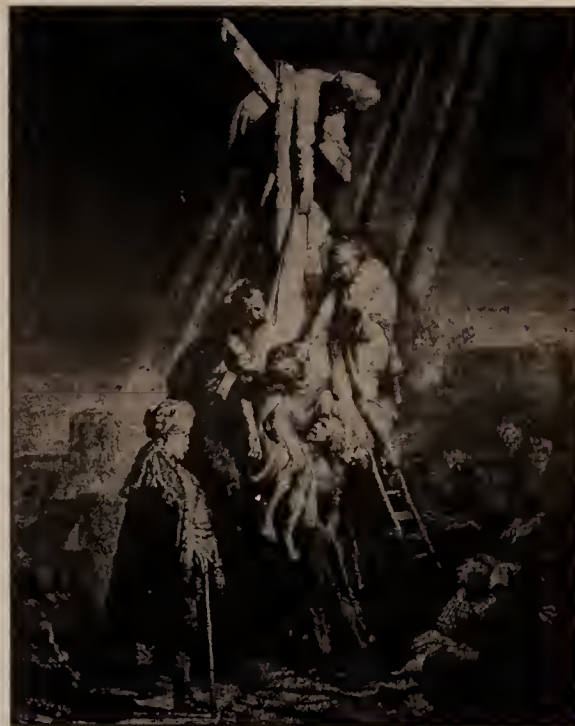
Most of the prints featured in the exhibit are black-and-white but contain a wide range of subject matter and technique, according to Charney.

"These are the type of things you'd see in a major national museum," he said. "But here you can get a real close look."

"It's been a real nice tool for the classroom," said Charney. Not only have art students taken advantage of such a display, but numerous faculty, staff and community members have viewed the art.

Many people have said they can't believe this type of exhibit is in the Wartburg gallery, said Charney. The college has only had a few exhibits of this magnitude in the past, he said.

"I think it's exquisite," said Penny Sund, Wartburg College graphic artist. "These are some of the great masters of the art



Slide courtesy of Professor Ed Charney

**EXHIBIT EXAMPLE**—This is an etching of Rembrandt van Rijn's (1606-1669) *Descent from the Cross*. This and other original prints by Dutch, Italian, Russian, English, Spanish, French, German, Japanese and American artists are featured the Mooney Collection on display in the Waldemar A. Schmidt Gallery in the Wartburg Fine Arts Center. Gallery hours are noon to 5 p.m. or by appointment with Ed Charney.

field. I think even non-art majors should go see [it]."

This entire collection belonged to Arthur Mooney, an executive at Eastman-Kodak during the early 20th century. Mooney was born in Rockford, Ill., but spent his childhood in Charles City. He attended art school in Minneapolis, Minn. and later moved to New York City. Upon his death in 1941, Mooney's collection was donated to the Charles City library. Wartburg is the first place the exhibit has been to, but it will travel throughout the state in the next several months to be put on display in other galleries.

Charney said he encourages students to view the exhibit before it moves off campus. Groups can schedule a special time to view the artwork by calling Charney at (319) 352-8298.

## "Bringing Out the Kid in You"

Brother/Sister/Friend Weekend 1998

Friday, Feb. 6

6 - 8 p.m.

3:45 p.m.

6 p.m.

8 p.m.

9:30-11:30 p.m.

Saturday, Feb. 7

9-11 a.m.

9 a.m. - noon

11 a.m. - 1 p.m.

1-5 p.m.

1 p.m.

3 p.m.

7:30 p.m.

7-10 p.m.

Sunday, Feb. 7

10:30 a.m.

2 p.m.

5 p.m.

Registration: free lunch tickets and information  
Men's JV Basketball  
Women's Basketball  
Men's Varsity Basketball  
Wartburg vs. William Penn - PE Complex  
Adults: \$4, Students: \$2  
Under 12: \$1, Wartburg  
Students admitted with ID  
Casino Night - Legends

Registration - PE Complex  
Games and Activities - PE Complex  
Free CAF tickets to first 100 to sign up for lunch  
Movies in Voecks Aud.  
First Kid (starring Sinbad)  
Jack (starring Robin Williams)  
Symphonic Band Concert - Neumann Aud. (free)  
Free Bowling - Waverly Bowl Inn

Worship - Chapel  
Symphonic Band Concert - Neumann Auditorium  
Soul Food Dinner (\$3) - Legends

## PEACE CORPS CURRENT OPENINGS

Peace Corps has continuous openings in education, business, agriculture, natural resources, health, and skilled trades projects. College juniors and seniors encouraged to apply.

Peace Corps Representatives  
will be on campus

THURSDAY, MARCH 12

Information Seminar

Student Union, Buhr Lounge  
10:00 - 3:00

Information Table

Student Union  
Conference Room  
6:30 - 8:00 pm



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# TRUMPET

## SPORTS

### Knights run strong in first meet of year

*The Knights ran well for Marcus Newsom's debut as Wartburg's head track and field coach.*

by Jen Holloway  
Staff Writer

The Wartburg Knights were running wild at their first track meet of the indoor season Saturday at Mt. Vernon.

Although no team scores were taken, the Knights had many impressive individual performances.

One of the high points of the meet occurred when the women throwers placed first, second and third in the shot put.

"We had a pretty good start to the season, but we are looking to improve next weekend," said sophomore Amy Sullivan, who took home first place in the event.

Junior Dawn Digmann and freshman Melissa Stenslin tied for second and third place in the shot put.

Freshman Miradieu Joseph also had a great afternoon, placing first in

the 200m hurdles.

He broke the school record by a second with a time of 25.23 seconds.

"It was fun," said Joseph. "We really cleaned house."

He also placed second in the 55m hurdles.

Junior Ryan Harms and freshman Amy Neal both had impressive performances in distance events, each placing first in the 1500m run and the 1000m run respectively.

In other distance events, junior Trina Stines placed third in the 600m run, and sophomore Jen Holloway placed third in the 800m run.

The men's 4x400 placed a heartbreaking fourth place.

The team, comprised of Joseph, Chad Williams, Trevor Shannon and Josh Wedemeier, had their sights set on first place, but trouble in the hand-off zone dropped them back to fourth.

Other notable performances included junior Tim Lambertson's second place finish in the 55m dash, sophomore Jeanette Olson's second place finish in the 55m hurdles, and sophomore Sommer Baxton's second place finish in the 200m hurdles.

"Everyone performed really well," said Olson.

"We've got a lot of great runners this year. I think we will be really tough."

### Winning streak at five

by Andrew Logue  
Staff Writer

The Knights kept a five game winning streak alive by beating Buena Vista, Luther and Dubuque last week.

Tuesday night, the men's basketball team shocked undefeated Buena Vista 70-66.

The Knights led at half-time 36-31 and did not trail until Nick Dentlinger nailed a three pointer at 6:46 making it 60-59 Buena Vista.

The Knights came back and took the lead for good when Dave Nielsen sunk two free throws making it 63-61 Wartburg.

Buena Vista made it interesting when Jamie Wilson hit a three, giving the Beavers the 68-67 lead.

That was as close as the Beavers got as Wartburg pulled out a 70-66 victory.

The Knights had five players in double figures.

Nielsen led the Knights with 15 points.

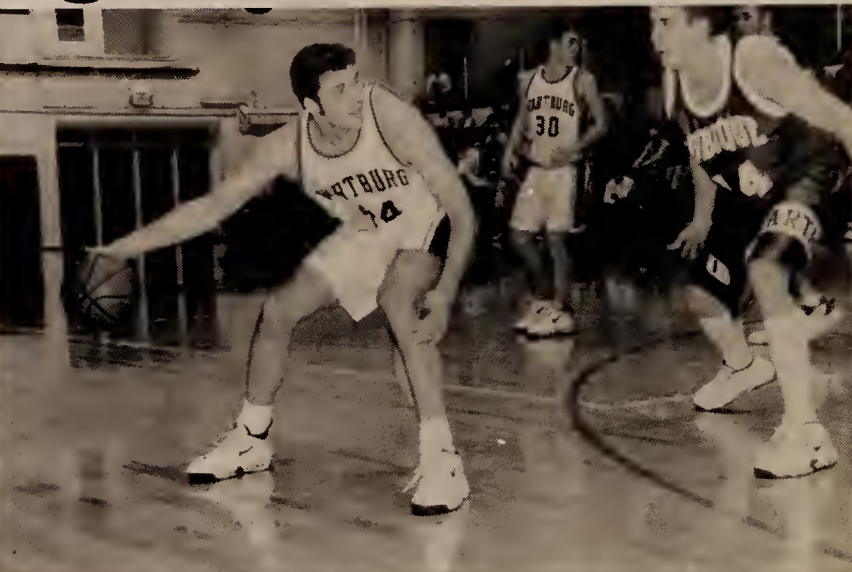
Sophomore Matt Wheeler had a big night for Wartburg, scoring 12 points and pulling down 12 rebounds.

Thad Peck contributed with 11, and Rich Kloster and Patrick Morrison had 10 points each.

Friday night the Knights traveled to Decorah to lay arch-rival Luther in a tough physical rematch.

This time there were no last second free throws or calls that should have been made.

The Knights avenged their loss to Luther by beat-



Steve Youde/TRUMPET

SCORING MACHINE—Thad Peck sizes up the court against the UD Spartans.

ing them 60-51.

The Knights improved their free throw shooting by shooting 80 percent and they also shot 40 percent from the three point line.

Peck lead all scorers with 18 points.

"Thad has really helped out with the team since January when he joined the team," said Coach Dick Peth.

Kloster and Ryan Shultz added 16 and 10 points for the Knights.

Saturday night the Knights swept Dubuque by crushing them 84-50.

Wartburg came out ready to play, blasting the Spartans early.

"I was very concerned about this game," said Peth. "We talked about the first five minutes and established the tempo early."

"We just started to click in this game," said Peck.

The only field goals by

the Knights in the first 14 minutes of the game were made by Morrison and Nielsen. One of those field goals by Nielsen was a fast break dunk.

With 6:03 remaining, Kloster finally broke the two-man game for the Knights as he hit a three-pointer, making it 28-16 Wartburg.

The big man in the first half was Morrison as he scored 17 first half points going 7-10 from the field making three three pointers.

"I had the hot hand and they knew it, but they really couldn't play defense," said Morrison.

The second half went just the same as the first with the Spartans having no answer to Peck.

Peck had a monster second half, scoring 20 of his 22 points.

"There was really no plan for me to get the ball. I

just started to score," said Peck.

Once the game was out of hand, the crowd got its money's worth by watching the hustle of Cam Schuknecht as he hit a three, pulled down two rebounds and had a steal.

Peck led the Knights with 22 points. Morrison, Kloster and Nielsen scored 19, 14 and 10, respectively, for the Knights.

The win against Dubuque was their fifth win in a row and third of the week.

"The win against Buena Vista helped our confidence going into the weekend. I think Luther and Dubuque were intimidated because of our win against Buena Vista," said Morrison.

The Knights next game is home against William Penn Friday.

Saturday, the Knights will play at Cornell.

### A week of shut-outs for grapplers

by Jason Crooks  
Staff Writer

Wartburg Head Coach Jim Miller may have had his best day of the year. So far.

"I'm not easy to impress, but I was impressed by it," said Miller.

"It" was the Wartburg wrestling team's performance Saturday at the Iowa Conference Duals in Pella. The Knights shut-out Upper Iowa, William Penn and Luther College by a combined score of 147-0. They also trounced host Central College, 51-3.

Wartburg's biggest win came against a usually tough Upper Iowa team. Upper Iowa, this year's host for the national tournament in Waterloo, couldn't even muster a victory from its best wrestler, top-ranked 177-pounder Ryan Birt. Birt fell to Wartburg's lone returning '97 All-American and '98 national champion hopeful Chris Ortner, 4-2.

Miller commented on Ortner's big win over Birt.

"They had gone back and forth, but Ortner has worked extremely hard since last year ended. They'll meet again, but Chris controlled the match."

Wartburg's Zac Weiglein got the grapplers going at 118 pounds, pinning Jason Hamann with 20 ticks remaining in the first period. Ryan Friedrich then stuck the Peacocks' Michael Schoolcraft just 40 seconds into their tussle; next, Nick Mitchell major decisioned Zach Hamann, 14-3, at 134.

Ben Shane continued his Division-III domination at 142 pounds, pinning Upper Iowa's Carl Long in short, short fashion. Shane hurriedly tossed Long to his back right off the first whistle, crushed both of Long's shoulder blades to the mat, and gained the fall-ending the match just 13 seconds after it began.

Middleweight senior Casey Christensen followed that display by shortening his match also, beating the 'Cocks Ryan Sester by a technical fall.

To continue the Peacock blanking, senior Mike Rupe at 158, Ben Jobgen at 167, Ortner, 190-pounder Matt Buskohl and heavyweight Matt Powelka all wrestled the full seven minutes in their individual matches. Each, however, gained decisive decisions.

Rupe said Coach Miller was really excited with how the Knights have wrestled of late.

Miller didn't seem to disagree. "I've been waiting for all to wrestle to their ability all on the same day. We never had the team wrestle to their potential, but they did it (Saturday)."

The Knights have a big week ahead once again. Saturday they travel to Decorah for the All-Lutheran tournament.

#### Results

##### Wartburg 46, Upper Iowa 0

118-Zac Weiglein (W) pinned Jason Hamann, 2:40; 126-Ryan Friedrich (W) pinned Michael Schoolcraft, 0:40; 134-Nick Mitchell (W) dec. Zach Hamann, 14-3; 142-Ben Shane (W) pinned Carl Long, 0:13; 150-Casey Christensen (W) tech. fall Ryan Sester; 158-Mike Rupe (W) dec. Jorge Borgen, 8-3; 167-Ben Jobgen (W) dec. Tim Chesnut, 15-3; 177-Chris Ortner (W) dec. Ryan Birt, 4-2; 190-Matt Buskohl (W) dec. Brian Moore, 10-1; 275-Matt Powelka (W) dec. Ben Fonseca, 10-1.